Standard Mail (B)—Special Standard Mail

Related QSGs: 050, 700, 900

Guick Service

Eligibility Overview (E630)

Mailings of 500 addressed pieces (5-Digit or BMC rates); no minimum for single-piece rates, sorted and marked as described below. Generally used for books (at least eight pages), film (16 mm or narrower), printed music, printed test materials, sound recordings, playscripts, printed educational charts, looseleaf pages and binders consisting of medical information, and computer-readable media. Special Standard Mail includes specific types of Standard Mail (B) matter that meets additional eligibility standards for single-piece and presort rates. Advertising restrictions apply.

Rates and Fees

Single-piece rates: based on weight without regard to zone.

(R600) Presort rates: 5-Digit and BMC rates based on weight without regard to zone and level of presort. Annual presort mailing fee \$85.00.

Addressing (A010)

Each piece must include complete delivery and return addresses with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code.

Characteristics and Content

Minimum weight: none; subject to 1-pound minimum rate.

Maximum weight: 70 pounds.

(C600) Dimensions: no more than 108 inches in length and girth combined.

Deposit

Deposit:

(D600)

(M630)

- Presort: all precanceled stamp, meter, or permit imprint: generally, at post office where permit or license held.
- Single-piece: mailing entered at an acceptance unit designated by USPS.

Mail Preparation and Sortation

Marking on each qualifying piece:

- Single-piece rate: "Special Standard Mail" or "SPEC STD."
- Presort rate: "Presorted Special Standard Mail" or "Presorted SPEC STD."

Preparation and labeling: none for single-piece rates; bulk rates on reverse.

For Presorted Special Standard Mail 5-Digit and BMC rates, additional preparation standards apply. Postage statement: Form 3608-P (meter postage) or Form 3608-R (permit imprint), as applicable.

Postage and Payment Methods (P600)

Method: adhesive stamp (single-piece rate only) (P022), precanceled stamp (single-piece rate only) (P023), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); applicable conditions and restrictions.

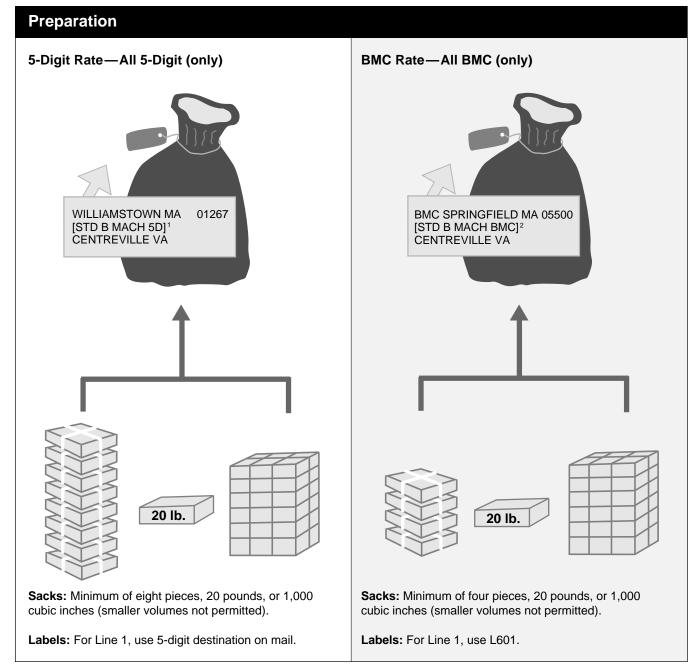
Special Services (S900)

See Quick Service Guide 900.

This guide is an overview only. For the specific DMM standards applicable to this category of mail, consult the DMM sections referenced above and the general sections within each DMM module.



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¹Use "STD FLTS 5D NON BC," or "STD B IRREG 5D," or "STD B MACH 5D" as applicable. ²Use "STD FLTS BMC NON BC," or "STD B IRREG BMC," or "STD B MACH BMC" as applicable. Mailers are not required to prepare 5-Digit rate mailings before preparing BMC rate mailings.